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PROCESSING OF A COAL  
FORMATION TO PRODUCE  
A SELECTED GAS  
MIXTURE

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Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Drawings:**

Applicant respectfully requests that the changes shown in red on the enclosed drawings (FIGS. 23a, 23b, 32, 44, 54, 55, 59, 60, and 63) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

**In the Specification:**

Listed below is a clean copy of amended paragraphs of the Specification. A marked-up copy indicating the amended paragraphs of the Specification is provided in an accompanying document. The amendments correct typographical errors.